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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Eugene D. Williams, 33, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner on Oct. 29, 2004, to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Williams** admitted that he was found in possession of 65.37 grams of crack cocaine on Dec. 31, 2003. Law enforcement officers discovered **Williams** was in possession of the crack cocaine after conducting a routine traffic stop on his vehicle. At the time of his arrest, law enforcement officers also discovered a firearm in the vehicle, Graves said.

Under federal statutes, **Williams** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole up to life in prison without parole, plus a \$4 million fine. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

Williams was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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